

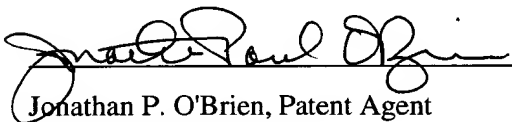
5-(S)-Acetamidomethyl-3-[4'-(3''-pyridylamino)carbonyl-3'-fluorophenyl]-oxazolidine-2-one and the provisionally elected aryl oxazolidinone used in the method of claim 44 is 5-(S)-azidomethyl-3-[4'-*tert*-butoxycarbonyl-3'-fluorophenyl]-oxazolidine-2-one. The provisionally elected attachment of the aryl oxazolidinone to the solid support is by an iminophosphorane.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that pending claims 44-48 are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

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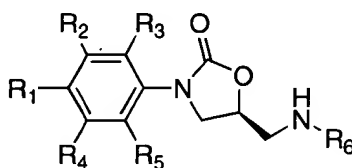
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In the claims, please cancel Claims 1-6 and 49-54

Please amend claim 44 as follows.

44. A method of preparing [the] combinatorial libraries of compounds of the formula Ib [according to claim 17], comprising the steps of:

- a) attaching a plurality of aryl oxazolidinones to a plurality of solid supports;
- b) functionalizing the 4-position of the aryl groups of the attached oxazolidinones; and, optionally,
- c) removing the oxazolidinones from the solid supports; wherein compounds of formula Ib have the structure:



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wherein R₂, R₃, R₄ and R₅ are, independently, hydrogen alkyl, heteroalkyl, heteroaryl or an electron withdrawing group;

R₆ is acyl or sulfonyl; and

R₁ is one of the following functional groups:

C(O)NR₇R₈, wherein R₇ and R₈ are, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

C(O)OR₉, wherein R₉ is hydrogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

C(O)R₁₀, wherein R₁₀ is hydrogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

SR₁₁, wherein R₁₁ is hydrogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

S(O)₂R₁₁, wherein R₁₁ is hydrogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

S(O)R₁₁, wherein R₁₁ is hydrogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

NR₁₂R₁₃, wherein R₁₂ and R₁₃ are, independently, hydrogen, acyl, sulfonyl, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

2-oxazolyl, wherein R₁₄ is at the 4-position and R₁₅ is at the 5-position of the oxazolyl, and wherein R₁₄ and R₁₅ are, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or an

electron withdrawing group;

2-aminothiazolyl, wherein R_{16} is at the 4-position and R_{17} is at the 5-position of the thiazole, and wherein R_{16} and R_{17} , are, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or an electron withdrawing group; and,

$CH_2NR_{18}R_{19}$, wherein R_{18} and R_{19} are, independently, hydrogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, acyl or sulfonyl.